*Thursday, July 7, 2011*

**Flesh And Blood**

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (KJV)

How many times do we put a physical face on a spiritual enemy? Oh how the enemy enjoys watching God’s creation fight and fuss over carnal petty things rather than partaking of the heavenly ones. This wrestling match is not something that should be taking place in the outward realm; rather it is something that needs to be overcome by our inward man. Given the fact that greater is He that is within us, as well as knowing that God is undefeated and that we win, well what excuse do we have when we take our frustrations out on others?

1Timothy 6:10-12 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (11) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (KJV)

It’s a fight to the finish folks, to see who will not only begin their walk in the Spirit but actually endure to the end spiritually. Oh how mankind fights and fusses over carnal things rather than fighting the good fight of faith so that they can know who they are in Christ and how to be more than a conqueror. I mean, that is why God sent the Son to bring deliverance for His people, so that they would no longer have to be stuck in the old. When you see others fussing over something that is carnal, that is when you need to flee these imaginations of man which think something carnal could ever bring peace and fulfillment.

1Corinthians 9:26-27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: (27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (KJV)

One of the biggest enemies that you will encounter in your walk is yourself. Instead of blaming everyone else it’s time that you take an honest look in the mirror to find the true answer to your own shortcomings and faults. Many times you will find that when others point the finger at everyone else but themselves they are actually pointing out their own frustrations, and then taking it out on others.

1Corinthians 11:28-31 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (30) For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (31) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (KJV)

That bread that you are partaking of now is living bread, and the cup you are partaking of is Spiritual as well. However, only Spiritual people who actually have judged and discerned their lives based on what the Lord says and not man will continue strong in the Lord and the power of His might. All the rest will be like weak sheep in the wild that are easy prey for the wolves of this world.

2Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (8) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (KJV)

So what are you wrestling with today, and are you able to get past those things which kept you in bondage in the past, or are you allowing the enemy to keep playing you for a chump by entangling yourself with the affairs of this life? Hey, let’s just shoot for today and see if we can make the same statement that Paul did, that today I have fought the good fight of faith by keeping my body in subjection to the Spirit.